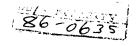


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26 March 1986

Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Chairperson The Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission 451 - 7th Street, S. W., Suite 5182 Washington, D. C. 20410

Dear Mrs. King:

On behalf of Mr. William J. Casey, Director of Central Intelligence, I am honored to respond to your letter requesting information on how we observed the first National Holiday honoring Dr. King.

Mr. Casey was concerned that Agency employees might tend to look at this historic event as "just another holiday." To circumvent this possibility, he issued the enclosed statement to all employees, and requested that appropriate steps be taken to increase employee awareness of this occasion.

To this end, we displayed on Agency bulletin boards information concerning the life and times of Dr. King, highlighting special events in his career. Included in our displays were enlarged photographs of President Ronald Reagan signing into law the Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Bill. We further supplied a calendar of events sponsored by organizations in Dr. King's honor in the Washington, D. C., metropolitan area. The displays and the signing of the Dr. King Holiday Bill again brought to mind the ideals and objectives to which Dr. King devoted his life.

In the coming years, we will expand our Black History Month observance to include special attention to the legacy of this truly great American.

Sincerely,
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